NEBRASKA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD SOLDIERS TO BE WISHED FAREWELL, TUESDAY, APRIL 10, BEFORE STARTING AFGHANISTAN MISSION

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LINCOLN, Neb. – Approximately a dozen Nebraska Army National Guard Soldiers will be wished farewell, Tuesday, April 10, during a 1:30 p.m. ceremony at the Nebraska National Guard's "Spirit of '76" armory located at 1776 North 10th Street in Lincoln, Neb.

Due to space constraints, the ceremony is not open to the general public.

The Soldiers are members of the Nebraska Army National Guard's Afghan Agribusiness Development Team No. 3, which is deploying for a year-long deployment that will ultimately take them to Afghanistan where they will be responsible for assisting Afghan governmental officials and local farmers in redeveloping their agricultural infrastructure. The Soldiers will be replacing members of the Nebraska National Guard's Afghan Agribusiness Development Team No. 2.

Following the ceremony, the Soldiers will travel to Camp Atterbury, Ind., where they will train for approximately a month before deploying to Afghanistan. They are expected to remain in Afghanistan for about 11 months. While in Afghanistan, the Soldiers will be members of a Provincial Reconstruction Team.

Among those expected to attend Tuesday's farewell ceremony are Gov. Dave Heineman and Maj. Gen. Judd Lyons, Nebraska National Guard adjutant general.

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Media Note: The media is invited to attend the farewell ceremony for the Nebraska National Guard's ADT No. 3, which is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. Due to security requirements, the media is encouraged to arrive approximately 30 minutes early. Nebraska National Guard public affairs officials will be on hand to lend assistance.